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TELEPHONE DISCONNECTION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF BILLS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephones of BSNL which have been disconnected for non- payment of bills in 2001-2002 in Hyderabad city;

(b) the total amount due to Hyderabad Exchange from such defaulters as on date;

(c) whether any efforts are being made to collect such arrears ; and

(d) the steps proposed in this regard by Hyderabad Exchange?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) About 56,000.

(b) Rs. 70.48 Crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The steps proposed and being taken by Hyderabad Telephones are as follows.

(i) Deputation of Telephone Revenue Inspectors and field staffs for recovery.

(ii) Constitution of Outstanding Revenue Pursuit Cells to specifically address Liquidation of revenue arrears.

(iii) Disconnection of other telephones working for the defaulters.

(iv) Denial of new telephone connections to the defaulters and their near relatives living in the same premises.

(v) Monitoring of progress by the Andhra Pradesh Telephone Circle office.